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1. TURKISH MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ANKARA OF SYG'S INTENTION TO REPLACE MARTENS IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC BY DEBEUS AND THAT AS RESULT MARTENS WILL NOT STAY AS DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS (DND). TURKISH MISOFF STATED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD VIEW DEPARTURE OF MARTENS AS UNFORTUNATE, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME WHEN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE OF TURKISH CONTROL PROGRAM HAS REACHED CRITICAL POINT. TURKISH MISOFF DESCRIBED MARTENS AS BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXCELLENT RECONCILER OF US-TURKISH VIEWS, ROLE ENHANCED BY DUAL CAPACITY. ALSO, TURKS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT UNKNOWN CAPACITY OF DEBEUS.

2. TURKISH MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE OFFICIAL US REACTION AND IMPLIED THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE JOINT US/TURKISH APPROACH TO DISSUADE WALDHEIM FROM CARRYING OUT PLAN. TURKS HAVE CONTACTED SWEDES AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AND REPORT THAT LATTER MAY MAKE REPRESENTATION TO UN SECT ON BEHALF MARTENS' RETENTION.

3. COMMENT: USUN FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT GOT WAS NOT INFORMED ABOUT THESE PROPOSED CHANGES MONTHS AGO, EITHER BY MARTENS HIMSELF WHO HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS OR BY KANDEMIR, A TURKISH CITIZEN, WHO IS ONE OF TWO DEPUTY
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DIRECTORS OF DND. IT MAY THEREFORE BE THAT GOT LIKE OURSELVES

IS NOW HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT LOSING MARTENS' SERVICES
AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE, BUT THAT TURKISH MISSION WAS NOT
GIVEN THIS BACKGROUND BEFORE MAKING APPROACH. END COMMENT

4. USUN WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS ON WHETHER WE MAY INFORM
TURKISH MISSION THAT WHEN WE WERE INTIALLY APPROACHED BY SYG,
WE POSED NO OBJECTION DEBEUS APPOINTMENT, THAT SECT HAS ALREADY
SET WHEELS IN MOTION, AND THAT WE ARE RECONCILED TO MARTENS'
DEPARTURE AT EXPIRATION OF HIS CURRENT CONTRACT, SEPTEMBER 30,
1975. TURKISH MISSION PRESSING FOR US RESPONSE SOONEST.

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